covered under Security Related Expenditure scheme of Ministry of Home Affairs. For focused attention for security and development 33 affected Districts in 8 States have been taken up for planning, implementation and monitoring of development schemes. A Task Force on Left Wing Extremism has been set up under Cabinet Secretary to coordinate and oversee the efforts of the various development Ministries.

Delay in investigation of 'note for vote' scam

†913. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is apprehension of prolonged delay in investigation into 'note for vote' scam;

(b) whether Statements of all the concerned persons have been recorded;

(c) whether there is any difficulty in declaring the outcome of investigation before Lok Sabha election; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) and (b) As far as Delhi Police is concerned, there is no apprehension of prolonged delay in investigation into 'note for vote' scam. Preliminary interrogation of three alleged persons, against whom investigation has been recommended by the Parliamentary Committee, has been done. The Statements of witnesses are being recorded.

(c) and (b) Since the case requires detailed investigation and opinion of experts, no time frame can be fixed for completing the investigation at this stage.

Increase in cases of custodial deaths and rape

914. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:
SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been sharp increase in cases of 'Custodial deaths and rape' in the country;

(b) if so, whether the directions of the National Human Rights Commission and State right panels have been ignored in checking custodial deaths and rape; and

(c) if so, the new strategies to be adopted by the Union Government to check custodial deaths and rape cases in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) As per information provided by National Crime Records Bureau, the cases of custodial deaths and custodial rapes during the period from 2005 to 2007 is as under:—

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Year	Custodial deaths	Custodial rape
2005	81	7
2006	50	2
2007	57	1

(b) and (c) Law and Order is a State subject. It is for State Government to take appropriate action in every crime. As reported by National Human Rights Commission, its guidelines on the reporting of custodial deaths and custodial rape within twenty four hours of its occurrence are being followed by and large by all State Governments/UTs.

Section 176 of the Cr. P.C. has also been amended to provide that in case of death or disappearance of a person or rape of a woman while in the custody of the police, there shall be a mandatory judicial inquiry and in case of death, examination of the dead body shall be conducted within twenty-four hours of death *vide* Cr. P.C. (Amendment) Act, 2005.

Illegal Bangladeshi immigrants

915. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Home Ministry has felt that Bangladeshis have no business to stay back and favours strict measures to check illegal immigration;

(b) whether Supreme Court of India had also issued directions to the Union Government to issue national cards to citizens and had urged them for deportation for Bangladeshi immigrants;

(c) whether they have also issued notices to check infiltration by issue of citizens cards as a must;

(d) whether 30603 foreigners are absconding in Assam alone; and

(e) what concrete steps and measures Government proposes to take?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. Government is aware that India's long and porous border with Bangladesh, geographical proximity, family ties and ethnic similarity, coupled with better economic opportunities in India, have resulted in illegal migration from Bangladesh and that comprehensive measures are essential to check this clandestine activity.

Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has issued some direction in the Writ Petition No. 125/98, which *inter-alia*, emphasize the need:—

(i) To take initiatives for preparation of National Register of Indian Citizens (NRIC) and issue of Multi Purpose National Cards (MNIC) based on this Register.